(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दोषी कम्पनियों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाही की गई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) से (घ) देश के विदेश व्यापार को विदेश व्यापार (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम, 1992 से नियंत्रित किया जाता है । इस अधिनियम के प्रावधानों का पालन करने के लिए विदेश व्यापार (विनियमन) नियम, 1993 को अधिसूचित किया गया । सरकार इस अधिनियम की धारा 5 के अंतर्गत आयात निर्यात नीति बनाती है और घोषित करती है। अधिनियम, नियम या आयात-निर्यात नीति में लगी कम्पनियों की कार्यप्रणाली की समीक्षा करने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है । इस अधिनियम, नियम या नीति का उल्लंघन करने वाली कम्पनियों के खिलाफ उचित कार्रवाई की जाती है । पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पूर्ववर्ती आयात-निर्यात (नियंत्रण) अधिनियम 1947 और इसके अधीन आदेशों, तथा विदेश व्यापार (विकास और विनियमन) अधिनियम 1992 के अंतर्गत जिन कम्पनियों के खिलाफ कार्रवाई की गई उनकी संख्या निम्नलिखित है :—

वर्ष	विवर्जित कम्पनियों की संख्या	फर्मों की संख्या जिन पर वित्तीय दंड लगाया गया ।
1991–92	302	281
1992–93	130	188
1993–94	40	58

Ban on dealing with M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels

5313. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry had decided to ban the dealing with M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels Ltd. (PJPVL) after the latter was found to have defrauded Government on payment of certain duties;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether there have been procedural irregularities in the grant of import licences to M/s. PJPVL;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Thirty-nine Reports of the Rajya Sabha Committee on Government Assurances presented to the House on 26th August, 1993 PP. JO to 19 relating to the said company.

(f) if so, what steps the Ministry has so far taken on various recommendations and observations made by the Committee;

(g) whether Government have made any enquiry against the persons/officials involved in the grant of a import licences to the said company as referred to by the Committee in its above Report; and

(h) if so, what are the details of the enquiry and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Business dealing in the non-statutory spheres with M/s. P. J. Pipes and Vessels Ltd., Bombay and all their allied firms 'by M/o Commerce and its attached/subordinate offices have been banned for a period of five years commencing from 12-8-93.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The report has been examined and follow-up action, pertaining to the Ministry of Commerce, has already been taken Action Taken Report has also been furnished to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. Specifically, besides banning business dealings with the firm as detailed in reply to part (b), it has also been decided to broad-base the composition of the Advance Licensing Committee/Special imprest Licensing Committee by including representative from the Project Authority and/or Administrative Ministry concerned, where necessary.

(g) and (h) The recommendation of Rajya Sabha Committee on Government Assurances regarding an enquiry against persons/officials involved in the grant of import licences would not apply to the Ministry of Commerce as on irregularity in the grant of import licences has come to light.

Privatisation of MMTC

5314. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY :
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE. be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intend to privatise the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether some modalities have been finalised in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, by when these are likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE CSHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) 'To (e) Government have not taken any decision *to* privatise the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation.

US Annual Report on Foreign Trade Barrier Quantitative Restrictions

5315. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJI'? V.> SHINDE :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the JS annual report on foreign trade barrier quantitative restrictions under negative import list and other impediments in Indo-US Trade;

(b) if so, the details of the barrier relaxation demanded therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) The Office of the United States Trade Representatives released its Annual Report or Foreign Trade Barriers on 31 March, 1994. The chapter on India alleges week intellectual property rights protection, particularly in the area of patents and enforcement of copyright; and barriers in the area of trade in goods and services which include tariffs, import licencing, quantitative restrictions, government procurement and export subsidies.